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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GERARD HERMAN HOTHO ET AL. Confirmation No. 1828

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Response to Office Action

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.